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1. PETROLEOS MEXICANOS, PEMEX, AND US. ENGINEERING FIRM, M. W. KELLOG, COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS AND SIGNED CONTRACTS AT CEREMONY HOSTED BY REPS. US. FIRM JUNE 4. CONTRACTS CALL FOR US FIRM TO SUPPLY TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THREE AMMONIA PLANTS, INVESTMENT TOTALING 120 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. INTERESTING SIDELIGHT IS HISTORICAL ASPECT OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN PEMEX AND FIRM M.W. KELLOG. AFTER
1938 PETROLEUM EXPORPRIATION, PEMEX REPORTEDLY SOUGHT
M. W. KELLOG ASSISTANCE IN OPERATION OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY.
KELLOG REFUSED DUE TO CLOSE TIES WITH FIRMS WHOSE INTERESTS
HAD BEEN EXPROPRIATED, EXACERBATING RELATIONS BETWEEN
PEMEX AND KELLOG. AS CONSEQUENCE, KELLOG HAS BEEN
PREVENTED FROM DOING BUSINESS WITH PEMEX FOR OVER
30 YEARS. KELLOG AND PEMEX ENDED ESTRANGEMENT LAST
YEAR, REACHING AGREEMENT ON ENGINEERING CONTRACTS
WORTH, INCLUDING NEW CONTRACT, 150 MILLION DOLLARS
IN TOTAL INVESTMENT.
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